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House Bill 2516

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1 AN ACT Relating to scoliosis screening in schools; creating a new  
2 section; and repealing RCW 28A.210.180, 28A.210.190, 28A.210.200,  
3 28A.210.210, 28A.210.220, 28A.210.240, and 28A.210.250.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes that many school  
6 districts in Washington are experiencing profound shortages of health  
7 personnel to serve the needs of students. Recent increases in  
8 responsibilities for health planning, the demands of delivering health  
9 services, and increases in the severity of the health issues facing the  
10 student population have strained school health resources.

11 The legislature finds that it is an inefficient use of limited  
12 school health resources to require that scoliosis screening of children  
13 be conducted at schools. While a child affected with severe scoliosis  
14 can experience serious health issues, diagnosis and treatment are most  
15 appropriately managed through a primary care provider. As Washington  
16 continues to achieve greater rates of health care coverage for its  
17 children, the availability of these screening services through medical  
18 homes will continue to increase.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    The following acts or parts of acts are each  
2 repealed:

3            (1) RCW 28A.210.180 (Screening program for scoliosis--Purpose) and  
4 1991 c 86 s 1, 1990 c 33 s 201, 1985 c 216 s 1, & 1979 c 47 s 1;

5            (2) RCW 28A.210.190 (Screening program for scoliosis--Definitions)  
6 and 1991 c 86 s 2, 1990 c 33 s 202, 1985 c 216 s 2, & 1979 c 47 s 2;

7            (3) RCW 28A.210.200 (Screening program for scoliosis--Examination  
8 of children--Personnel making examinations, training for) and 1991 c 86  
9 s 3, 1990 c 33 s 203, 1985 c 216 s 3, & 1979 c 47 s 3;

10           (4) RCW 28A.210.210 (Screening program for scoliosis--Records--  
11 Parents or guardians notification, contents) and 1990 c 33 s 204, 1985  
12 c 216 s 4, & 1979 c 47 s 4;

13           (5) RCW 28A.210.220 (Screening program for scoliosis--Distribution  
14 of rules, records and forms) and 1990 c 33 s 205 & 1979 c 47 s 5;

15           (6) RCW 28A.210.240 (Screening program for scoliosis--Pupils  
16 exempt, when) and 1985 c 216 s 5 & 1979 c 47 s 6; and

17           (7) RCW 28A.210.250 (Screening program for scoliosis--Sanctions  
18 against school officials failing to comply) and 1990 c 33 s 207 & 1979  
19 c 47 s 7.

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